Magazine dated 12th January, 1992 under the caption 'Life Long Lease' wherein it has been stated that journalists who retire from the profession do not sur-rander Government accommodation allotted to them in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of such former journalists and the details of Govern ment accommodation under their occupa tion; and

(c) the measures taken for their evic tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are being ascertained and will be placed an the Table of the Sabha. Necessary action will be taken after the details are available.

Amendment in urban land ceiling act

4263. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR-VEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1542 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1992 and state whether Government propose to utilise land lying with closed industries and former rulers for housing for poor and to raise resources for alternative development?

THE MINISTER OF ESTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Implementation of the Urban Land Ceiling Act lies with the State Govt. While the proposed amendments to the Act envisage permission to vacant land holders to develop their lands for various purposes in accordance with the Master Plan provisions, there is no proposal under consideration of the Govt, to utilise land, lying with the closed industries and formerrulers, for housing for poor and to raise resources for alternative deve-lopirfint.

Amendment in urban land ceiling .act

4264. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered any proposals for the amendment of the Urban Land Ceiling Act on the recommendations of the Chief Ministers' conference held in New Delhi on 7th March, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals; and

(c) when Government propose to bring forward a suitable legislation before Parliament in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Recommendation of the Chief Ministers' Conference regarding amendments to Urban Land Ceiling Act are under consideration of the Govt.

(b) The proposal received in Chief Ministers' Conference relate to compensation, continuation of granting exemption of account of undue hardship or in the public inteirest, giving power to the Stat Govts, for notifying an area. These Amendment Bill will be introduced in the Parliament after resolution is passed in this regard by the State legislatures under Article 252 of the Constitution of India.

Implementation of urban land ceiling act

4265. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the Chief Ministers' meeting convened at Delhi to discuss the implementation of Urban Land Ceiling Act and house building issues connected with rent etc;

(b) whether it is a fact that only negligible surplus land under ULC was made available, if so, whether this phenomenon adversely affected urban construction activities due to huge land getting blocked up in litigation, whether this is the major factor in high prices of urban land; and

(c) what is the time frame for amending the ULC Act and framing model Rent Act, what was the concensus arrived at Chief Ministers' conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):
(a) Regarding Urban Land Ceiling Act, the outcome of the Chief Ministers' meeting is that there was a general agreement on the thrust of the amendments suggested in the Act. The thrust is to encourage the land owners to develop their lands for construction of houses, providing protection to genuine agriculturists, introductbn of vacant land tax, simplifying various procedures etc. provided under the Act. Suggestions were also received to make the Rent Control Legislation mort flexible.

(b) It is a fact that only negligible ex cess vacant land has been acquired and this has adversely affected to some ex tent urban construction activities. A large number of cases, involving huge lands are under litigation and this is one of the factors in the high price of urban land.

(c) The concensus arrived at Chief Ministers' Conference i_s that incentive should be given to owners to develop their lands, the rate of compensation may be increased, genuine agricul turists should be protected and the development activity should be made faster by taxing urban vacant land. The Amendment Bill will be introduced only after the State Legislature pass a Resolution in respect of amendments to the Act under Article 252 of the Cons titution of India.

Regarding Model Rent Control Act, Chief Ministers' meeting generally endorsed draft Model Rent Control legislation subject to some suggestions in order to make it flexible to suit the local conditions. For adopting the Model Rent Control Law, it is required to be circulated to State Govts. for adoption. The Matter related therewith requires an. in-depth analysis of various aspects which is quie time consuming. Hence it is too premature to draw up a time frame.

Expenditure on slums in Bombay

4266. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of slum pockets situated on Central Government's land in Bombay|Greater Bombay;

(b) the number of these slum pockets which have been provided with civic amenities;

(c) what is the total amount spent by the Centre in providing civic amenities to these slums and what is the State Gov ernment's share in the expenditure.

(d) what are the norms and conditions laid down for providing civic amenities to the slum pockets in Bombay;

(e) whether Maharashtra Government have expressed its willingness to provide civic amenities to the remaining slum pockets on Central understanding with the Central Government and have sub mitted a proposal; and

(f) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):
(a) As per the present information avaMable on the matter there are 149 slum pockets situated on lands of Central Government departments.

(b) According to the information made available by the Government of Maharashtra, civic amenities have been provided in 24 slum pockets.

(c) Civic amenities in slums are ba sically provided under the State sector scheme for slum improvement. According to the information furnished by the Go vernment of Maharashtra, an amount of Rs. 1.58 crores has been spent by the State Government on provision of basic